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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: On the Green, immediately east of the church,  
Lyme, Grafton County, New Hampshire

Present Owner: Lyme Congregational Church (Rev. (Miss)  
Margaret L. Frerichs, Pastor), Lyme, New  
Hampshire.

Present Use: Unused.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This structure built in 1812 at the same time  
as the church, is one of the few surviving  
examples of a type of outbuilding that was  
typical of early meeting houses in this area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Original and subsequent owners: Originally the various stalls in the horse sheds were privately owned by the individuals who used them. Ca. 1939 the church bought the various private titles with the intention of razing the sheds, but a movement within the church by persons interested in them as a historical relic saved them.
2. Date of erection: 1812 at the same time as the church.
3. References: Interview with Miss Lucy King, Lyme, New Hampshire.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: One of the few surviving examples of a feature that was common and typical of early meeting houses in this area.

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2. Condition of fabric: The structure is in dilapidated condition, but has not been altered.

B. Technical Description:

1. Layout: The structure consists of a long row of individual stalls.
2. Foundations: Stone.
3. Wall construction: Timber frame, clapboard siding, unfinished interior.
4. Doorways: One side a long, open, arcade. Each opening is one structural bay and one stall wide.
5. Roof: Gable roof, wood shingles.
6. Floor: Dirt

C. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Sheds face west on the east side of the church. Church and horse sheds on the green of a small rural village.
2. Landscaping: Informal landscaping around the church with lawn and large trees.

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